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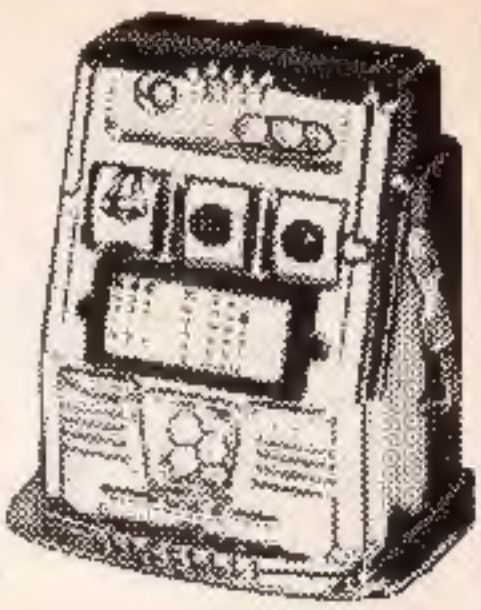

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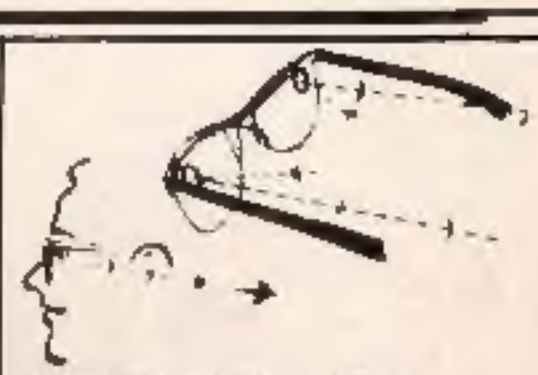

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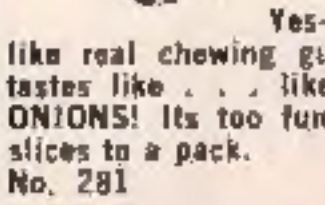

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*SMOKE BELCHING FROM THE ETERNAL FIRES RUMBLING IN ITS FLAMING DEPTHS, THE VOLCANO* **MOKURO** *DOMINATES THE AFRICAN LAND OF* **NOBUTI** *WITH AN AWESOME PRESENCE! TOD HOLTON, AS* **SUPER GREEN BERET,** *PITS HIS STRENGTH AGAINST THE FEARFUL POWER OF SUPERSTITION AND NATURE GONE MAD AS HE GRAPPLES WITH*

## The Lion God of Mokuru!

*DEEP IN CENTRAL AFRICA, AMERICAN PEACE CORPS WORKERS FACE A TERRIFYING MOMENT OF ULTIMATE TRUTH!*

THE INTRUDERS WOULD DESTROY OUR LAND WITH THEIR MAGIC! INTO THE VOLCANO WITH THEM!

I, SIMBA, THE LION GOD OF MOKURU, HAVE SPOKEN!

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AT THE SAME TIME, IN A FAR EASTERN TEMPLE WHERE AN ANCIENT MONK SITS ABOVE THE VERY CENTER OF THE EARTH...

THE VIBRATIONS TELL OF GREAT DANGER IN NOBUTI! SUPER GREEN BERET IS NEEDED AT ONCE!

AND IN VALLEYVILLE, U.S.A....

TOD! HAVE YOU FINISHED CLEANING YOUR ROOM YET?

I'M AT IT, MOM!

HOLY HEADGEAR! THE BERET IS GLEAMING LIKE A SEARCHLIGHT! MUST BE SOME TERRIFIC TROUBLE!

AS TOD DONS THE MAGIC BERET...

RELEASE YOURSELF TO MY THOUGHTS, O TOD THE PURE! YOUR GREAT TALENTS ARE REQUIRED!

THE TELEPATHIC POWERS OF THE OLD MONK INSTANTLY TRANSPORT TOD TO NOBUTI, DEEP IN DARKEST AFRICA, EVEN AS HE IS CHANGED INTO SUPER GREEN BERET!

BUT EVEN AS SUPER GREEN BERET ARRIVES, THE GRIM SENTENCE OF THE LION GOD IS CARRIED OUT!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, BUT IT'S GOT TO STOP!

IF I HADN'T MADE THIS GRAB, THE BALL GAME WOULD HAVE BEEN OVER!

NOW WE CAN HAVE EXTRA INNINGS !

YIIII ! A DEMON FROM THE SKY !

NO, FROM THE EARTH ITSELF !

SORRY, LADS ! NOT A BIRD ! NOT A PLANE !

WOULD YOU BELIEVE... SUPER GREEN BERET ?

POW!

WHAM!

SOCK!

ENOUGH, O BWANA ALL POWERFUL ! WE ARE YOUR SERVANTS TO COMMAND !

THEN GET ON YOUR FEET AND ACT LIKE MEN INSTEAD OF SUPERSTITIOUS CHILDREN !

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT I WISH YOU HADN'T TAKEN QUITE SO LONG TO GET HERE ! THAT WAS TOO CLOSE ! *WHEW !*

FILL ME IN ON WHAT CAUSED ALL THIS !

WE WERE SENT HERE BY THE PEACE CORPS TO SURVEY A DAM SITE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF **NOBUTI** !

"WITH A DAM HERE TO TURN THAT RIVER VALLEY INTO A LAKE, **NOBUTI** COULD HAVE ELECTRIC POWER AND IRRIGATION WITH WHICH TO MODERNIZE ITS ECONOMY !"

BUT THE LION GOD CONVINCED THESE NATIVES THAT OUR INSTRUMENTS WERE SOME SORT OF EVIL MAGIC ! THEY WERE ABOUT TO KILL US WHEN YOU...

LION GOD...?

YOU HAVE DISOBEYED THE ORDERS OF SIMBA ! NOW YOU WILL FEEL THE HOT FLAMES OF HIS WRATH !

O MIGHTY BWANA ! SAVE US AS YOU SAVED YOUR PEOPLE !

I'D LIKE TO LOOK THIS TALKING LION IN THE MOUTH ! YOU GO BACK TO THE VILLAGE WITH THE NATIVES ! THEY WON'T HARM YOU NOW ! I'LL NOSE AROUND !

SOON...

IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE, COME NO CLOSER !

NOW I KNOW LIONS CAN'T TALK, BUT DOES **HE** KNOW IT ?

AH HA ! A LOUDSPEAKER ! IT FIGURES ! THOSE WIRES SHOULD LEAD TO SOMETHING INTERESTING !

BUT...

THIS ISN'T EXACTLY WHAT I HAD IN MIND !

THAT STAKE..... MUST HAVE BEEN POISONED..... I'M PASSING OUT...

LATER WHEN **SUPER GREEN BERET** RECOVERS PAINFUL CONSCIOUSNESS...

WOW! QUITE A LAYOUT! WHAT'S YOUR RACKET, MOKURU?

MOKURU IS THE VOLCANO! I AM **DOMO YAMATA!** AS YOU SEE I LIVE QUITE WELL ON WHAT I AM ABLE TO COERCE FROM MY SUPERSTITIOUS COUNTRYMEN!

YOU SPEAK IN EDUCATED TONES!

OXFORD AND ALL THAT, DON'T YOU KNOW! MAY I INTRODUCE MY SON, KOLO! ONE DAY HE WILL SUCCEED ME AS RULER HERE!

BUT WE HAVE WAITED TOO LONG! YOU MUST BE DISPOSED OF, AND THE NATIVES WARNED BACK INTO LINE AT THE SAME TIME!

ALL TOO SOON...

WHEN THAT DYNAMITE EXPLODES YOU WILL BE KILLED AND THE NATIVES WILL THINK **MOKURU** IS ERUPTING IN ANGER AT THEM! YOU'LL BE GONE, AND THEY WILL AGAIN DO MY BIDDING!

SSSSSS

CAN'T SAY I CARE FOR THIS **SWINGER** BIT! WHEW! WHAT HEAT!

BUT THOSE HOT ROCKS SHOULD SOON HAVE ME OUT OF THIS AFRICAN SAUNA BATH!

SURE GLAD DOMO BUYS GOOD STRONG ROPE !

BOOM!

CLOSE! NOW IF I CAN JUST STAY OUT OF TRAPS, MAYBE I CAN MEET DOMO ON THE LEVEL -- THAT IS LEVEL FOOTING...

BUT THE EXPLOSION HAS SET OFF A TREMOR DEEP WITHIN THE MOUNTAIN, AND...

CRAAACK

KOLO ! THE LION !

MY SON! HE'LL BE KILLED!

BUT...

BACK, KOLO! I'LL GIVE THAT CAT SOMEONE MORE HIS OWN SIZE TO CHEW ON!

FOUR HUNDRED POUNDS OF ANGERED ANIMAL FEROCITY HURTLES AT SUPER GREEN BERET!

CAN EVEN THE TRAINED CUNNING OF **SUPER GREEN BERET** SURVIVE THE TREMENDOUS STRENGTH OF THE LION?

TAUT MUSCLES STRAINING TO THE UTMOST, **SUPER GREEN BERET** AVOIDS THE SLASHING CLAWS, AND...

SORRY, SIMBA! BUT, AS THE FELLER SAYS, YOU CAN'T WIN 'EM ALL!

CRUNCH!

WHEW! THAT WAS ONE WRESTLING MATCH THAT WASN'T PRE-REHEARSED!

THE TROPHY OF A LION-KILLER IS THE BEAST'S TAIL! IT WILL FOREVER MARK YOU AS THE MIGHTIEST OF WARRIORS!

I AM ETERNALLY IN YOUR DEBT FOR SAVING KOLO ! WHAT CAN I DO TO SHOW MY GRATITUDE ?

FOR ONE THING YOU CAN CHUCK THIS "GOD" GUISE AND WORK TO HELP YOUR PEOPLE !

SUDDENLY, THE EARTH TREMBLES WITH A VIOLENT SHUDDER, AND... RUMMMBLE

MOKURU ! IT'S STARTING TO ERUPT ! THE DYNAMITE MUST HAVE SET IT OFF !

WE'D BETTER HEAD FOR THAT OTHER PEAK !

CATACLYSMIC POWER IS UNLEASHED WITH FEARFUL FURY, AND A TORRENT OF RED-HOT LAVA STREAMS TOWARD THE VILLAGE BELOW !

BOOOM!

THE VILLAGE WILL BE WIPED OUT !

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT !

AGAIN CALLING ON HIS INCREDIBLE STRENGTH, **SUPER GREEN BERET** HEAVES GIGANTIC BOULDER AFTER GIGANTIC BOULDER DOWN THE SIDES OF THE STONEY MOUNTAIN !

SOON, THE HORRENDOUS MIGHT OF AN AVALANCHE FORCES THE FIERY LAVA AWAY FROM THE VILLAGE INTO THE YAWNING CHASM BEYOND !

FINALLY. .

INCREDIBLE ! THE LAVA AND THE AVALANCHE HAVE DAMMED THE CANYON !

DOMO AND SON WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THINGS HERE FROM NOW ON !

A TOUCH OF HIS HAND TO THE MAGIC BERET, AND **SUPER GREEN BERET** IS INSTANTLY WAFTED BACK TO VALLEYVILLE, U.S.A. . . .

AND IN FAR-OFF ASIA . . .

WELL DONE, MY PURE ONE ! IN ONE MIGHTY SWOOP YOU HAVE GIVEN A POOR PEOPLE AN ABLE LEADER AND THE MEANS TO MAKE A BETTER LIFE FOR THEMSELVES ! THUS MAY YOUR ACTIONS BENEFIT ALL MANKIND !

End

# DON'T MISS THE NEXT ISSUE OF TOD HOLTON

TEEN-AGER, TOD HOLTON, WILL BE BACK WITH BIGGER, BETTER AND MORE EXCITING ADVENTURES AS HE ONCE AGAIN BECOMES...

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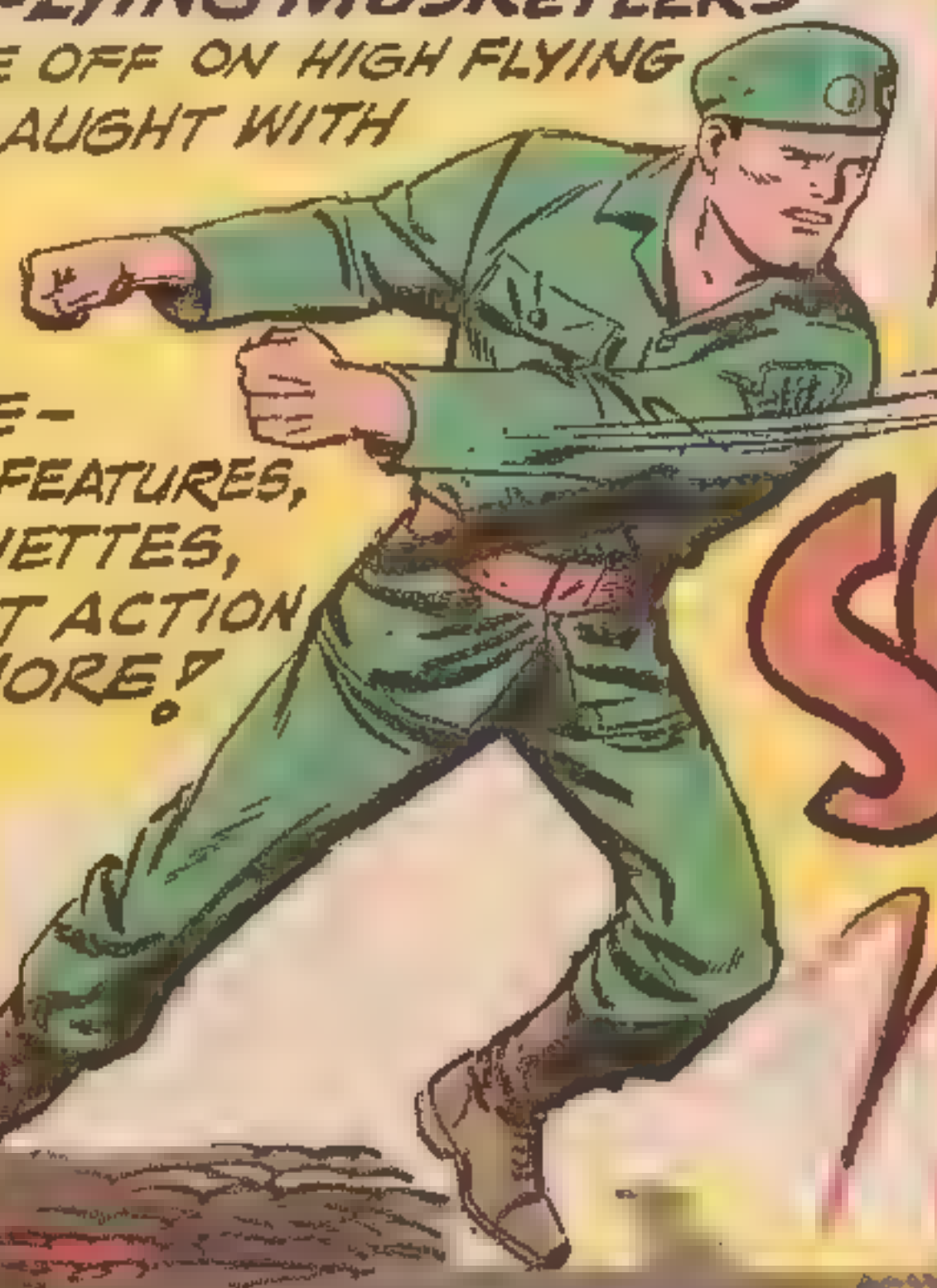

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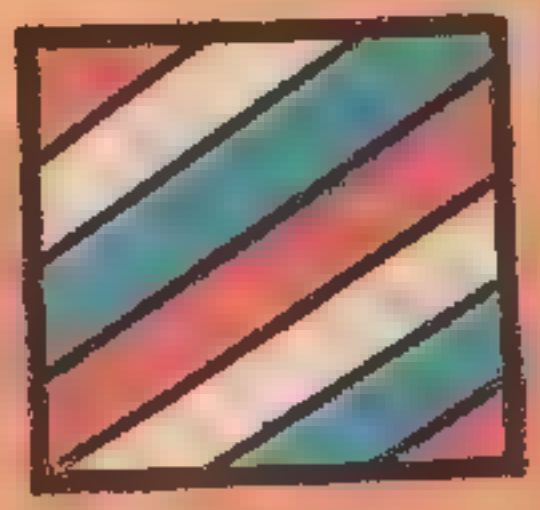

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FROM OUT OF THE WILD BLUE YONDER THEY SWOOP ..... A SWASHBUCKLING, DAREDEVIL QUARTET..... EVER READY TO FIGHT ALL ENEMIES OF FREEDOM! PATROLLING THE WORLD IN THEIR SUPER-SONIC JETCOPTER, THEY PROTECT THE WEAK, RESCUE THE DISTRESSED AND BATTLE ALL AGGRESSORS..... WHO ARE THEY? MEET THE FAR-FAMED....

# FLYING MUSKETEERS

♪ ALL FOR ONE, AND ONE FOR ALL! WE FIGHT FROM OUR JET-CHOPPER! FOES OF FREEDOM BE FOREWARNED! YOU ALL WILL COME A-CROPPER!

POW!

BAM!!

BANG!!

POW!

KAPOW!

BAM!

BRATATAT!

'ATWICE in TOLD TALE'

Marston

ON LATE 1944 A PATROL OF U.S. FIGHTERS ESCORTS A CARGO PLANE ON A RETURN TRIP OVER THE "HUMP" ON THE AIR-LIFE LINE BETWEEN CHINA AND INDIA!

ZERO'S AT ONE O'CLOCK!

WE'LL GIVE THEM THE OLD ONE...

TWO...

BRAT-A-TATTAT

THREE...

RATATAT!

FOUR!

TAKKA-TAKKA

BRAD'S IN TROUBLE!

GOT HIM! BUT BRAD CAUGHT IT!

RAT-A-TAT!

AS THEIR BUDDY SPIRALS DOWN INTO THE TRACKLESS MOUNTAINS BELOW THE THREE REMAINING PLANES DIP THEIR WINGS IN A FIGHTER PILOT'S FAREWELL!

AND BACK AT THEIR BASE IN INDIA....

LT. DALE REED

LT. BRAD JONES

LT. BILL LEE

LT. HART SHAW

NOW WE ARE ONLY THREE!

1967 A YOUNG AIR FORCE OFFICER HAS BEEN SUMMONED TO HIS COMMANDING GENERAL'S OFFICE IN THE PENTAGON!

HARRUMPH!

AH, SUCH LOVELINESS! I HOPE HIS LORDSHIP NEVER CALLS ME IN!

HIS...ER... LORDSHIP MAY JUST CALL YOU DOWN!

ARE YOU QUITE READY, LIEUTENANT?

WHY...AH... YOU DID INTERRUPT ME, SIR! BUT...

LT. JONES, I OUGHT TO BREAK YOU TO AIRMAN THIRD CLASS! BUT I NEED YOU FOR A NEW ASSIGNMENT!

I HOPE THERE'S PLENTY OF ACTION IN IT!

I WANT YOU TO GO ON A MISSION WITH THREE RESERVE COLONELS!

RESERVE COLONELS? WHAT DO THEY NEED...SOMEONE TO KEEP THE SQUEAKS OUT OF THEIR SWIVEL CHAIRS? GENERAL, I JOINED THIS MAN'S AIR FORCE...

OH, WE ARE THE FLYING MUSKETEERS

ON THE GROUND OR ON THE WING, YOU WILL ALWAYS HEAR US SING! AS WE FIGHT-WITH OUR MIGHT, FOR THE RIGHT!

HOLY, HAMBONE! A GILBERT AND SULLIVAN ROAD COMPANY, YET!

QUIET! I HEAR THEM COMING NOW!

LT. BRADFORD JONES, JR., MEET COL. DALE REED! IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT HE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THE OUTDOORS...IT JUST ISN'T OUT THERE!

HOWDY, PARDNER!

COL. HART SHAW! SPEAKS FIFTEEN LANGUAGES!

ENCHANTÉ!

COL. BILL LEE! CHEMIST BY PROFESSION! AND— *THEY'RE ALL HELICOPTER MEN BY CHOICE!*

GLAD TO KNOW YOU, SON!

GENERAL, THESE MEN ARE *ALL* OLD ENOUGH TO BE MY FATHER! *WHAT ARE YOU MIXING ME IN?*

YOU'RE ALL BEING ASSIGNED TO A **SUPER-SONIC JETCOPTER!** WHEN YOU'RE AIRBORNE AFTER REFUELING AT GUAM, YOU CAN OPEN THESE SEALED ORDERS!

TOP SECRET

THIS MISSION HAS *TOP URGENCY!* JUST FOLLOW THOSE ORDERS... *NOTHING ELSE!* AND **DON'T BLOW IT!**

ADIOS, GUAM! LET'S CRACK THOSE ORDERS!

AND SOON...

WHOOSH!

PROBABLY THE GENERAL'S MEASUREMENTS FOR A SUIT HE WANTS US TO GET HIM IN HONG KONG!

WHEW! WE'RE TO RESCUE A C.I.A. AGENT WHO'S BEEN CAPTURED DEEP IN THE CHEMUNG REGION OF WESTERN MOST CHINA! HE'S GOT VITAL INFO ON RED CHINA'S A-BOMB AND MISSILE PROGRAM! *BUT REPORTS SAY HE WILL BE HUNG AT SUN-RISE TOMORROW!*

AND THEY ASK YOU ***GREYBEARDS*** TO ***RESCUE*** HIM?!

*EASY, YOUNG 'UN.* WE'VE SEEN MORE ACTION THAN YOU EVER DREAMED OF!

AND OUR EYES ARE STILL 20-20!

SOON...

CHEMUNG! EIGHTY THOUSAND FEET BELOW! OUT ROTORS FOR THE DESCENT!

AND AS THE JETCOPTER WHIRLS IN FOR A LANDING...

*WEAPONS AT READY! THESE TRIBESMEN MAY NOT BE TOO FRIENDLY!*

*IRR-R-RR*

LOOK! IT IS THE SIGN!

NOT ALONE THE SIGN! IT IS HE!

BUT AS THE QUARTET EMERGES FROM THE COPTER...

THE BLONDE GOD OF HOPE HAS RETURNED!

?

YOU SAVVY THE LINGO, HART! WHAT GIVES WITH THE KNEELING BIT?

EVIDENTLY YOU REMIND THEM OF SOME GOD FROM THEIR HISTORY! I'LAY ALONG!

AG COL. SHAW TRANSLATES...

COME! WE HAVE KEPT YOUR TEMPLE IN READINESS FOR YOUR RETURN!

SUFFERING GHOSTS! THAT'S **ME**... OR MY FATHER... WE'D HEARD THAT HE WAS SHOT DOWN SOMEWHERE IN THESE MOUNTAINS!

WELCOME AGAIN, O' BRAVE ONE!

QUESTIONED BY COL. SHAW, THE TRIBAL CHIEFTAIN TELLS AN AMAZING STORY!

MANY YEARS AGO WHEN WE WERE UNDER THE YOKE OF THE IMPERIALIST JAPANESE, THE BLONDE GOD OF HOPE CAME TO US FROM THE HEAVENS!

"HE ORGANIZED US INTO FIGHTING UNITS AND LED US AGAINST THE INVADERS!"

POW

POW

BANG

BLAM

POW!

"WITHOUT HIS HELP WE WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEFEAT THEM!"

YIII-EEE! DEATH TO ALL INVADERS!

BAM POW!

BANG!

THE BLONDE GOD OF HOPE IS WITH US! WE CANNOT FAIL!

BAM!

KA-POW!

"AFTER OUR GREAT VICTORY THE BLONDE GOD OF HOPE LEFT TO RETURN TO HIS OWN PEOPLE, PROMISING TO COME BACK IF WE EVER AGAIN NEEDED HIM!"

WHEN YOU DEPARTED YOU GAVE ME THIS RING TO KEEP FOR YOU! NOW YOU ARE HERE AGAIN, UNCHANGED BY THE TIME WHICH HAS RAVAGED ME... I GIVE IT BACK TO YOU!

THIS MUST HAVE BEEN MY FATHER'S... HE MAY STILL BE ALIVE SOMEWHERE... AND YOU COLONELS... **YOU HAVE RINGS LIKE THIS!** THEN...

YES, SON! WE'RE THE **SAME** FLYING MUSKETEERS WHO FOUGHT ALONGSIDE YOUR FATHER IN WORLD WAR II! *PUT ON THAT RING!*

*ONCE AGAIN - WE ARE* ***FOUR!***

THEY THINK YOU'RE THEIR BLONDE GOD OF HOPE! GO ALONG! WE CAN USE THEIR HELP!

NOW WE ARE AGAIN OPPRESSED, OUR LANDS TAKEN BY THE RED CHINESE WHO DIG HERE FOR URANIUM WITH WHICH TO MAKE THEIR ATOM BOMBS IN THEIR HUGE FACTORY!

FEAR NO LONGER, LEADER OF THE CHEMUNG! YOUR BLONDE GOD OF HOPE WILL LEAD YOU TO NEW TRIUMPHS ON THE MORROW!

FIRST WE MUST GET MANY OF YOUR MEN INSIDE THE WALLED TOWN!

BUT THE CHINESE PERMIT BUT A FEW TO ENTER EACH DAY!

NO PROBLEM! YOUR SHEEP WILL AID US!

AS DAWN LIGHTENS THE COLD SKY THE NEXT DAY...

*HURRY, DOGS! WE* DO NOT WISH TO MISS THE EXECUTION SOON TO TAKE PLACE!

OPEN YOUR GATES O' LORDS OF THE RED FLAG! WE BRING SHEEP TO THE MARKET!

THE HEAVY BARRICADES SWING BACK, AND...

HSST! IN THE COURT YARD! THE C.I A. MAN! GIVE THE WORD!

ONCE INSIDE THE WALLS, THE SHEEPARE REVEALED TO BE SHEEP NO MORE, BUT ARMED MEN WITH A FIGHTING SPIRIT - INSPIRED BY A FIGHTING LEADER!

ARISE YE MEN OF CHEMUNG! ATTACK!

AA'IEE!

AAIIEE!

WHAM!

THE FEROCIOUS SURPRISE ATTACK QUICKLY OVERWHELMS THE RED CHINESE GARRISON!

BAM

BANG!

THE BLONDE GOD OF HOPE IS WITH US! WE CANNOT FAIL!

BLAM

OR POW

AGGH!

AS THE BATTLE RAGES...

WHO..?

U.S. AGENTS!

WHAM!

WHIRRR

SHEEPSKINS TO LAMB-CHOPPER! WE GOT OUR MAN! COME IN...FAST!

BANG POW

WHIRRR-RR!

UP YOU GO!

BAM BAM

THE CHIEF AND HIS SHEEPMEN HAVE THINGS THEIR OWN WAY DOWN THERE NOW!

FOR NOW! BUT THE RED CHINESE TROOP BODY AT THE URANIUM MINE AND ATOM BOMB AND MISSILE FACTORY WILL SEND REINFORCEMENTS UNLESS **WE DO** SOMETHING **FIRST!**

IN ROTORS! WE'LL JET OVER AT SUPER-SONIC!

WHREE-E!

OUR L'IL OL' ONE HUNDRED POUND BOMB DOWN THAT STACK....

.....WILL START A CHAIN REACTION.....

BOOM!

WHAM!

.... THAT'LL BLOW THAT INSTALLATION APART FOREVER!

W-HREEE!

KA-WHAAM!!

BLAM

BOOM!

BAM

AND SOON...

O' GREAT GOD OF COURAGE! STAY WITH US AND BE OUR LEADER FOR I AM OLD!

YOUR COUNTRY'S YOURS AGAIN, CHIEF! YOU ARE FREE ONCE MORE!

NO, I HAVE DUTY ELSEWHERE! FAREWELL!

BUT WHEN OUR NEED IS AGAIN GREAT, THE SKY SHALL BRING HIM BACK, FOR SO IT IS WRITTEN!

LATER, BACK AT THE PENTAGON...

GENTLEMEN, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO CONGRATULATE YOU OR GROUND THE LOT OF YOU! BOTH THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE C I.A. ARE FLABBERGASTED!

DAILY GLOBE

NEW CHINESE ATOM TEST!

DESERT TRIBES IN CHINESE REVOLT

GENERAL, THAT BLAST WAS **NO TEST!** AND THERE WON'T BE **ANY** TESTS FOR A **LONG** TIME! THE RED CHINESE ATOM BOMB AND MISSILE CAPABILITY HAS BEEN **GREATLY REDUCED!**

BUT ALL YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO DO....

SIMMER DOWN, GEN! YOU KNOW YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON US FOR THAT **LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA!**

♪ OH, WE ARE THE FLYING MUSKETEERS... ♪

WHAT A WAY TO RUN AN AIRFORCE!

♪ YOU WILL ALWAYS HEAR US SING... ♪

NOW, ABOUT THAT DATE...

WHUPS! LOOKS AS IF WE ARE ONLY THREE AGAIN!

The End

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# TOD HOLTON, SUPER GREEN BERET

THE HERITAGE OF LIBERTY WHICH WE ENJOY IN THIS COUNTRY TODAY HAS BEEN BOUGHT WITH THE SWEAT, TEARS ...AND BLOOD... OF OUR FIGHTING FOREBEARS. TOD HOLTON, THE TEENAGER WHO HAS BEEN ACCORDED THE REMARKABLE ABILITY OF CHANGING INTO **SUPER GREEN BERET**, ADDS A DOWN PAYMENT OF HIS OWN AS HE PLUNGES INTO THE **DAWN OF AMERICAN FREEDOM!**

THEY'RE SWINGIN' AT THE TEEN CANTEEN IN TOD HOLTON'S HOME TOWN...

COOL, BARBY BABY, COOL. WHAT YOU GOT SPINNING ON THE OL' JUKE BOX ?

Stomp AND chomp

TODDY BOY, THAT'S **YANKEE DOODLE ROCK!** WILL YOU DANCE?

YEAH .. YEAH ...

YEAH.. **HOLY HOMEWORK!** I FORGOT ALL ABOUT THAT ORAL REPORT I'VE GOT TO MAKE ON THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL TOMORROW.

SORRY, BARB. I'VE GOT TO MAKE THE SCENE AT THE LIBRARY... BUT RAPIDLY! SO LONG!

OH, TOD, YOU'RE ALWAYS RUNNING OFF!

CLOSED! I REALLY GOOFED THIS. WELL, BACK TO THE OLD TIME TRANSPORTER.

ONCE IN HIS ROOM, TOD DONS HIS MAGIC GREEN BERET, SALUTES, AND...

1776 HERE I COME!

...IS INSTANTLY CHANGED INTO **SUPER GREEN BERET** WHILE BEING TELETRANSPORTED BACK IN TIME TO...

1776

...BOSTON, 1775!

DOESN'T TAKE ME LONG TO FIND TROUBLE.

STOP THEM! THEY'VE ROBBED THE ARMS WAREHOUSE!

THEY'VE STOLEN GUNPOWDER, DON'T LET THEM GET AWAY!

REDCOATS, EH? THEN YOU MUST BE THE GOOD GUYS!

WE'VE GOT TO GET THIS POWDER TO GENERAL PUTNAM IN CHARLESTOWN! HE'S DESPERATELY SHORT OF AMMUNITION, HELP US!

I'M YOUR MAN!

YAGGH! WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?

I'M FROM THE PEPSI GENERATION!

THEY'LL NEVER STOP YOU NOW!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

CRASH!

DIE, REBEL!

SUPER GREEN BERET GRACEFULLY SIDESTEPS THE OFFICER'S SWORD THRUST, AND WITH A QUICK JUDO MOVEMENT...

SORRY 'BOUT THAT!

YOUR ESCORT WILL BE OUT FOR AWHILE.

I WAS WITH HIM ONLY BECAUSE I'M A SPY FOR THE REBELS. THAT MAN AND BOY YOU AIDED WERE MY FATHER AND BROTHER, PETER. THE OFFICER WAS TAKING ME TO A BALL AT GENERAL HOWE'S!

GEN. HOWE! HE'S ONE OF THE BRITISH COMMANDING OFFICERS, I'M LIVING RIGHT.

BABYDOLL, YOU'LL NOT BE STOOD UP THIS NIGHT. JUST A MIN WHILE I TRUSS UP YOUR BOY FRIEND!

I'M GLAD YOU LIKE 'EM BIG. BUT EVEN SO THIS IS GOING TO BE A TIGHT FIT.

NOW TO THE BALL. I'M CAPTAIN HOLTON, MY PRETTY. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

MARTHA PAGE!

MARTHA PAGE! MUSIC! SWEET! LIKE HONEY ON THE TONGUE!

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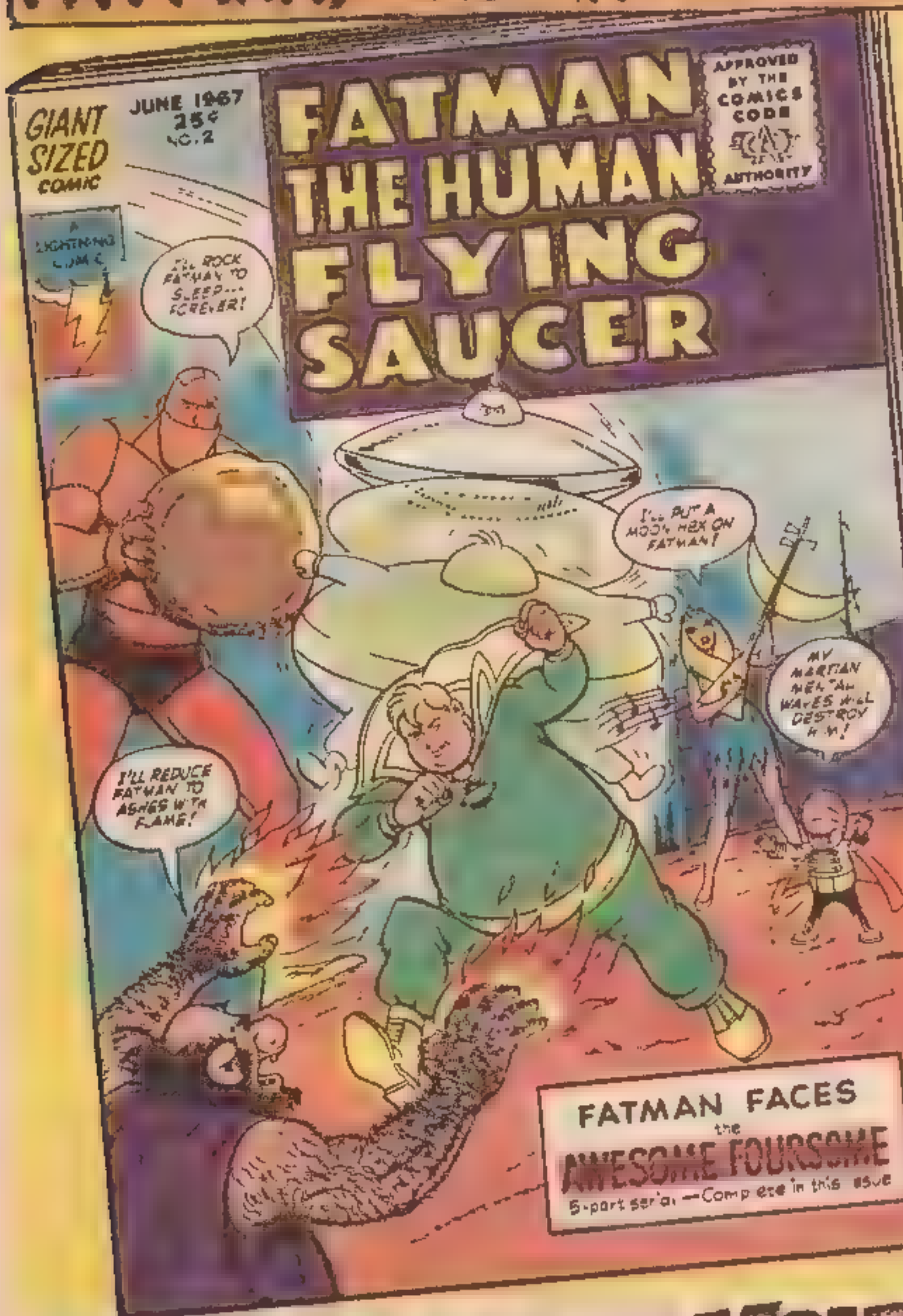
# FOLLOW THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF THE GREAT FATMAN, the HUMAN FLYING SAUCER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## DON'T DELAY!

Best wishes from the
FLYING MUSKETEERS

OYSTER STEW is expected to be just that. But Sp4 Leon Kimball of the 1st Infantry Division Artillery Headquarters opened a can of the stew and got more than he could swallow. He bit down on an oyster chunk and felt what he thought was a pebble. It was a stone . . . a pearl.

WHITER THAN WHITE WASHES is the goal of "The Eagle Washing Machine Company," the newest venture of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division in its Tuy Hoa civic action program. It builds all-wooden, hand operated washers and donates them to orphanages, district hospitals and refugee camps in the area.

PAY CALL for the Viet Cong will probably be a little late this month because soldiers of the 25th Infantry Division captured the paymaster. A company-sized unit of the division's 5th Infantry seized him during a search and clear operation 30 miles northwest of Saigon. In his possession were 25,000 piastres.

"DON'T KNOCK CHIP off my shoulder," warns Sp4 Marvin Keating of the 1st Cavalry Division's 1st Brigade. He carries his company's monkey, "Chip," on his shoulder and recently the Viet Cong knocked him off. Specialist Keating rushed forward to help his company rout the enemy, then returned to find Chip sitting in a hole with a slight flesh wound. "When they knocked Chip off my shoulder," he said, "I was ready to fight them all."

HAVE YOU HEARD of the troubles of Troubles? A scout dog in Vietnam, Troubles was left behind in the jungle when his master was wounded and air-evacuated from the area. Three weeks later, exhausted and 40 pounds thinner, Troubles showed up back at base camp. This was an accomplishment, when you consider he had been air-lifted to the patrol area and had no scent to follow. Though his master's gear had been moved from its usual place, Troubles searched until he found the tent where it was—climbed up on the bunk and collapsed. Troubles is getting plenty of food and rest now. He will be back to duty in about a month.

LATER, AS THE BALL WEARS ON...

A TOAST, GENTLEMEN! TO OUR SUCCESS ON THE MORROW WHEN WE CROSS THE CHARLES RIVER TO DRIVE THE REBELS FROM CHARLESTOWN!

LIEUTENANT! YOU FORGET YOUR ORDERS!

BUT, SIR... SURELY IN THIS COMPANY...

PERHAPS THE WINE HAS UNHINGED YOUR MIND AS WELL AS YOUR TONGUE. YOU MAY WITHDRAW TO YOUR QUARTERS!

I'VE GOT TO GET TO GENERAL PUTNAM, AND WARN HIM OF THIS!

BUT AT THAT MOMENT...

EEEK!

CAPTAIN GRIMES!

WHAT???

THAT MAN IN MY CLOTHES IS A SPY! GET HIM!

MY CUE TO EXIT!

BUT BEFORE **SUPER GREEN BERET** CAN ESCAPE, HE IS COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY SUDDENLY ALERT BRITISH OFFICERS, SWORDS DRAWN!

SAY, FELLOWS, HAVE YOU TRIED THE NEW SUPER BLUE BLADES?

TAKE HIM TO THE FIRING SQUAD!

JUSTICE IN WAR-TIME, IF ANY THERE BE, IS SWIFT. SOON...

'DO YOU HAVE ANY LAST REQUESTS ?

WELL, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU READ SOMETHING.

WHAT DO YOU WISH READ ?

THE DICTIONARY ! JUST START AT "A" AND CONTINUE THROUGH "Z" !

YOU CANNOT DELAY YOUR DEATH WITH TRICKS! FIRING SQUAD... ATTENTION !

IF ONLY I COULD GET MY HAND TO MY BERET I COULD TELETRANSPORT OUT OF HERE.

THIS COULD BE EMBARRASSING. IF I DON'T WARN GEN. PUTNAM OF THE ATTACK, THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION COULD BE OVER BEFORE IT GETS STARTED. THIS FIRING SQUAD COULD ALSO MAKE ME MISS SCHOOL TOMORROW !

READY... AIM...

BUT BEFORE THE ORDER TO FIRE CAN BE EXPRESSED...

BANG!

BANG! BANG!

MARTHA HAD ENOUGH TIME TO GET HELP AFTER ALL.

BANG!

BANG!

BANG!

MARTHA? IS SHE ALL RIGHT?

SHE'S BEING TAKEN BEHIND OUR LINES! QUICK! MORE BRITISH ARE COMING!

NEVER MIND THE OTHERS! GET THE BIG ONE!

SPLIT UP! WE'LL MEET IN CHARLESTOWN!

BANG! BANG! BANG!

THERE HE GOES, HEADING TOWARD THE RIVER!

BANG! BANG! BANG!

BANG! BANG! BANG!

HE WAS TOO FAST FOR US. WE CAN NEVER GET HIM IN THE RIVER IN THE DARK.

BANG! BANG! BANG!

*AFTER POWERFUL STROKES* **SUPER GREEN BERET** *SPEEDS TO THE AMERICAN SIDE OF THE RIVER...*

ADVANCE AND BE RECOGNIZED!

DOWN, BOY! I'M WITH YOU, MAN! TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER!

SOON, IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF GEN. ISRAEL PUTNAM, COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN FORCES OUTSIDE BOSTON...

IF WE CAN GET BREED'S HILL FORTIFIED IN TIME, COL. PRESCOTT WILL STOP THEM. WE'VE PRECIOUS LITTLE AMMUNITION FOR A SUSTAINED FIGHT NOW THOUGH!

Breed's Hill
Boston
Charlestown
British Warships
Boston

ORDERS ARE QUICKLY GIVEN, AND AS THE NIGHT WEARS ON **SUPER GREEN BERET** LENDS HIS MIGHTY STRENGTH TO THAT OF THE EMBATTLED FARMERS DIGGING INTO THE GRAZING LAND OF BREED'S HILL!

MR. PAGE! HOW GOES YOUR CARTING BUSINESS?

WE GOT IN BUT ONE TRIP... AND THAT ONLY THANKS TO YOU! WE'RE MIGHTY LOW ON GUNPOWDER!

JEHOSAPHAT, CAPTAIN! WITH TEN MEN LIKE YOU WE WOULDN'T NEED GUNPOWDER TO LICK THE REDCOATS!

BY MORNING THE ILL-CLAD, ILL-EQUIPPED ARMY IS DUG IN FOR WHAT IS TO BE THE FIRST BIG BATTLE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR!

TEN O'CLOCK AND STILL NO SIGN OF THE BRITISH! I HOPE I HAVEN'T GIVEN YOU FELLOWS THE WRONG SCOOP!

NOT UNTIL TWO IN THE AFTERNOON DO THE BRITISH ARRIVE IN BIG TROOP-CARRYING VESSELS THAT DEPOSIT 2,500 STRONG TO FACE THE MERE 1,500 UNDER COL. PRESCOTT.

QUICKLY NOW! FORM RANKS AND ATTACK THE HILL!

THEY'RE COMING AT US LIKE THEY WERE ON DRESS PARADE! WITH FULL PACKS ON EVEN!

SAVE YOUR POWDER AND BALL! **DON'T SHOOT TILL YOU SEE THE WHITES OF THEIR EYES!**

HELD TILL THE LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT, THE FIRST FIRE FROM THE AMERICAN POSITIONS TAKES A DEADLY TOLL OF THE BRAVELY ADVANCING BRITISH !

UGH

GRGGAAN !

ONWARD THE BRITISH COME... STRAIGHT INTO THE FURY OF A SECOND WITHERING VOLLEY !

IT'S SLAUGHTER ! BUT YOU'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO THEM FOR COURAGE !

WE MUST HAVE PICKED OFF HALF OF THEM !

ONLY THEN DO THEY TURN, LEAVE THEIR DECIMATED COMRADES, AND RUN !

THEY'VE TURNED TAIL ! WE'VE LICKED 'EM !

THEY BETTER STAY LICKED ! WE'RE ABOUT OUT OF AMMUNITION !

NO ! THEY'RE REFORMING ON THE BEACH ! THEY'VE THROWN AWAY THEIR PACKS AND ARE GOING TO ATTACK AGAIN !

FREED OF THEIR CUMBERSOME PACKS, THE SUPERIOR SUPPLIED BRITISH ARE ABLE TO BREAK THE LINES OF THE NOW ALMOST DEFENSELESS AMERICANS !

THE POWDER'S GONE ! RUN !

THAT COLUMN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL IS TRYING TO GET BEHIND US !

IF THEY SUCCEED WE'LL ALL BE TRAPPED ON THIS HILL !

MAYBE WE CAN SLOW THOSE LOBSTERS DOWN LONG ENOUGH TO GIVE OUR ARMY A CHANCE TO ESCAPE !

BOOM !

THAT DID IT ! YOU CAN MAKE IT NOW ! RUN FOR YOUR LIVES !

THIS FIGHT'S OVER. NOW MY WORK BACK HOME IS ABOUT TO BEGIN !

AS SUPER GREEN BERET SALUTES HIS MAGIC CAP HE IS INSTANTLY WAFTED FORWARD TO HIS OWN TIME !

BUT AT GENERAL PUTNAM'S HEADQUARTERS...

WHERE'S THAT BIG MAN WHO HELD THE CANNON ?

WE THOUGHT HE WAS RIGHT BEHIND US !

I WANTED TO THANK HIM ! IF THOSE BRITISH HAD GOTTEN BEHIND US, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN CUT OFF AND THE WHOLE ARMY DESTROYED ! THE REVOLUTION WOULD HAVE ENDED TODAY ! NOW WHEN GEN. WASHINGTON COMES UP WITH RESERVES AND AMMUNITION WE'LL BE ABLE TO THROW THEM OUT OF BOSTON !

I WANTED TO THANK HIM TOO !

MARTHA ! LIKE HONEY ON THE TONGUE !

HE WAS LIKE A MAN FROM ANOTHER WORLD !

ANOTHER WORLD INDEED !

BREED'S HILL LATER BECAME KNOWN AS BUNKER HILL WHERE TODAY A MONUMENT STANDS TO HONOR THE SACRIFICE AND BRAVERY OF THE MEN WHO FOUGHT AND DIED THERE THAT FREEDOM AND LIBERTY MIGHT REIGN IN THIS LAND FOREVERMORE !

AND AFTER CLASS...

A GREAT REPORT, TOD ! COMING TO THE CHOMP AND STOMP ?

REGRETS, BARBIE ! MOM'S GOT ME LISTED FOR WINDOW WASHING ! GOTTA SPLIT ! SO LONG !

MAYBE SOMEDAY I'LL GET HIM TO HOLD STILL LONG ENOUGH TO SAY MORE THAN "SO LONG" TO ME !

End

# WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT PIMPLES

**Acne, Blackheads, and other externally caused Skin Blemishes**

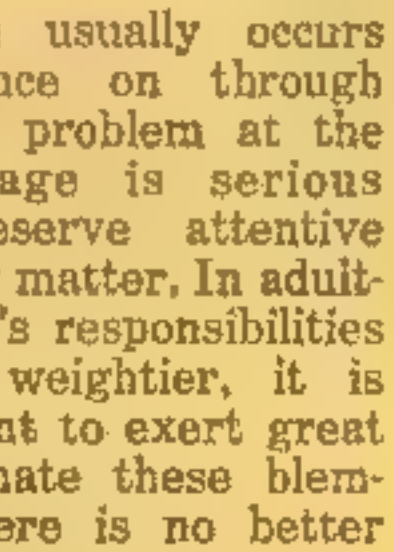
WHEN pimply skin is your problem, the first thing to get straight is that you can and *should* do something about it. To develop the attractiveness of your face is not mere vanity. It is an "open sesame" towards bringing the real YOU closer to other people and giving your personality the poise and confidence it needs. Your good qualities — intelligence, character, dignity — all go to naught... are completely cancelled out by a skin that "nobody loves to touch." Remember, the YOU that people see first is your face.

## SKIN PROBLEMS DEMAND IMMEDIATE CARE

Medical statistics tell us that blemished skin usually occurs from adolescence on through adult life. The problem at the adolescent stage is serious enough to deserve attentive care as a family matter. In adulthood, when life's responsibilities are so much weightier, it is doubly important to exert great effort to eliminate these blemishes. And, there is no better time to get pimples under control than *now*.

## DON'T ABUSE SKIN

The first instinctive reaction to pimples and blackheads is to squeeze them out with your fingers. A bit of experimentation along these lines soon provides convincing proof that this succeeds only in inflaming your skin and spreading the infection. Under no circumstances should pimples and blackheads ever be squeezed



## MICROSCOPE SHOWS IMPORTANT BASIS FOR EXTERNALLY CAUSED PIMPLES AND BLACKHEADS

Let's take a look through the microscope to see what's behind those unsightly pimples. The high-powered lenses show your skin coated with a covering which originated from two sources—one, internally and the other, externally.

The internal substances on your skin include dead cells, residue from the sweat glands, and a high quantity of oil excreted by the sebaceous glands. A most important factor in skin disorders occurs when thousands of these tiny sebaceous glands discharge more oil than the skin can use for lubrication. Unless special care is given, the oil forms a heavy film which attracts foreign matter to your skin much as any oil mop picks up dust. These infectious external substances may be classified into three general groups.

1. Airborne materials such as dust, pollens, condensation products of smoke, vapors, etc.
2. Materials brought in contact with the skin, such as tiny fragment of clothing, bedding, cosmetics.
3. Micro-organisms such as bacteria and fungi.

See the difference between a healthy skin and a pimply skin in the microscopic reproductions below.

A. Normal skin

B. Sick, pimply skin

*Diagram A shows a normal-size smoothly functioning sebaceous gland. Diagram B pictures sick, pimply skin. Notice that the sebaceous gland is a swollen mass of trapped oil, waste and infectious bacteria.*

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*First Soldier*: Why do we do so much marching?
*Second Soldier*. Because it keps us fit.
*First Soldier*: Fit for what?
*Second Soldier*: Marching.

Bentley Kassal
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

*1st Lt.*: Are you happy in the Army?
*Pvt.*: Yes, Sir.
*1st Lt.*: What were you before you joined the Army?
*Pvt.*: Happier.

Sheryl Kones
Waymart, Pa.

*Navy Sentry*: Halt, who goes there?
*Gob.*: Aw, you wouldn't know. I just got here yesterday.

Margaret Miller
East Rockaway, N.Y.

*Paratrooper*: I'm too tired to parachute jump this morning—I tossed all night.
*Pal*: Insomnia?
*Paratrooper*: Nope, dice!

Jack Rappoport
Lorain, Ohio

"I was a spy."
"Did they shoot you?"
"I don't know. I was blindfolded."

Harry Broadman
Omaha, Neb

*Sergeant* (during roll call): Brown!
*Voice*: Here.
*Sergeant*: I don't see Brown. Who answered for him?
*Voice*: I did. I thought you called my name.
*Sergeant*: What is you name?
*Voice*: Steneopotski.

Harold Arnovitz
Atlanta, Ga.

A rookie took the sergeant's advice and put on a clean pair of socks every day. A week passed.

"Where are your shoes?" growled the sergeant.

"I can't get them on over seven pairs of socks," replied the recruit.

Judson Clemenceaux
Cambridge, Mass.

*Sarge*: What's the trouble with your trousers? They look like you've been sleeping in them.
*Rookie*: That's right, sir. Those Viet Cong aren't going to catch me with my pants down.

Manuel Pokoik
Pine Bluff, Ark.

*Captain*: Did you enlist?
*Private*: No — we had a tornado, and I was caught in the draft.

Doug Forrest
Los Angeles, Calif.

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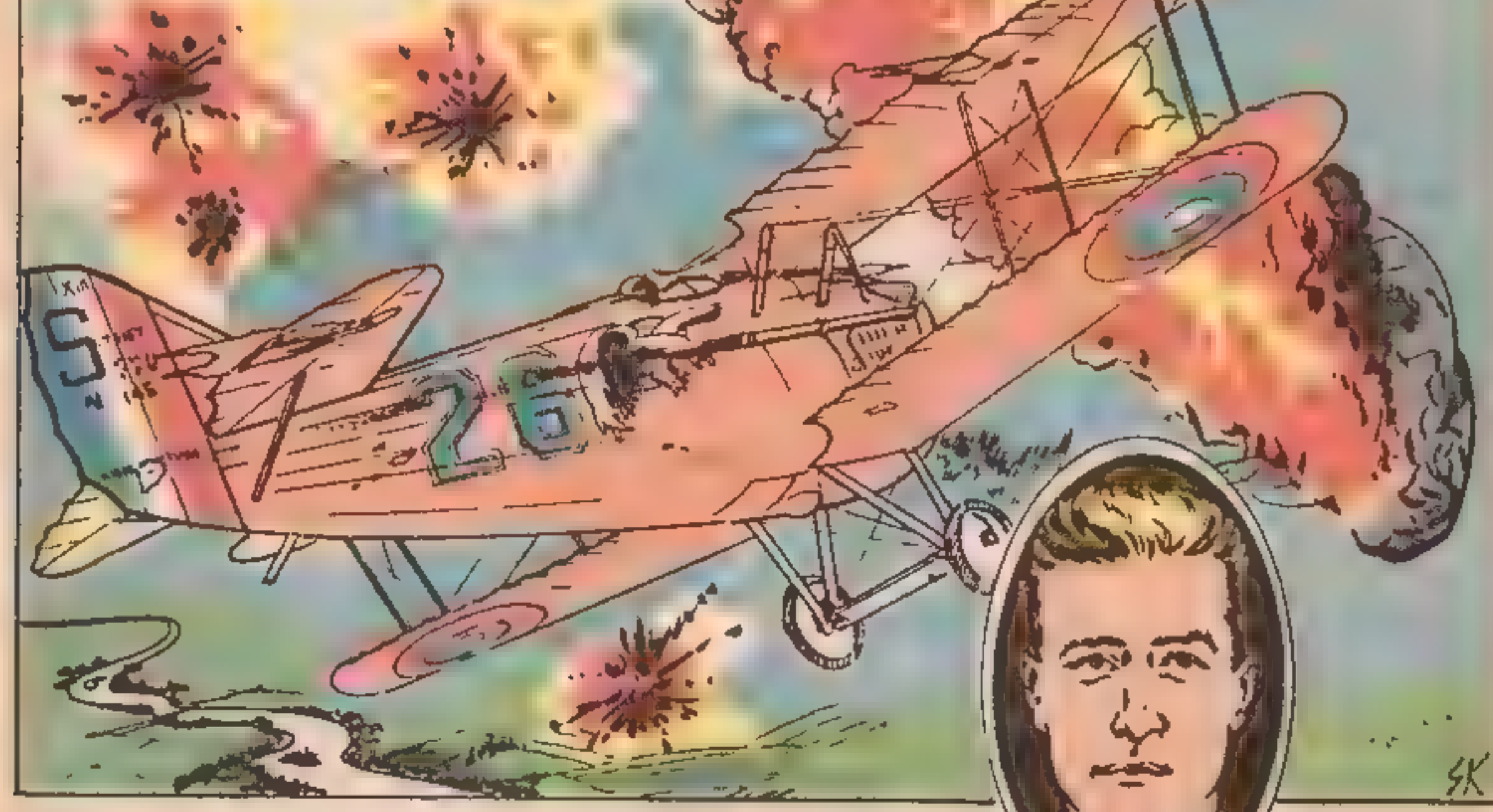
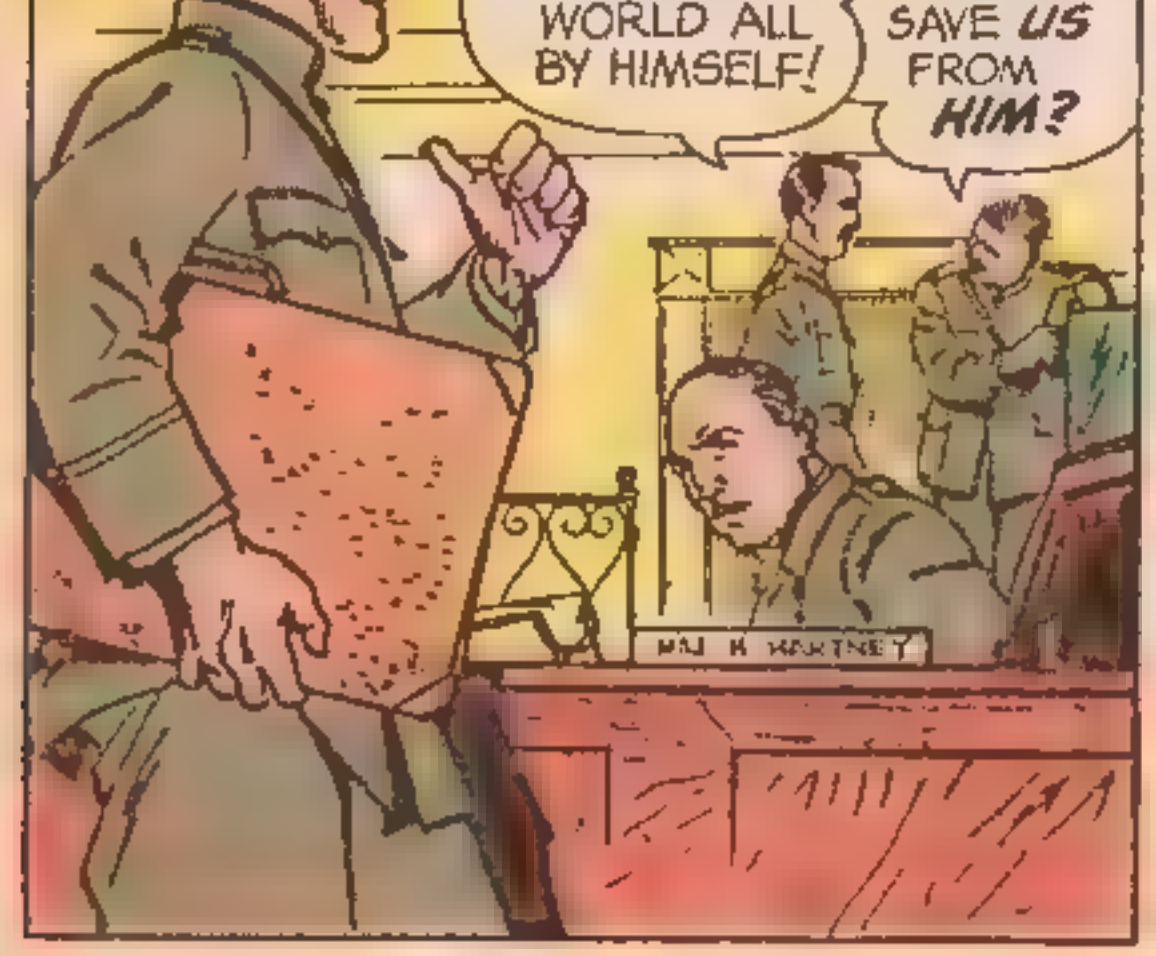
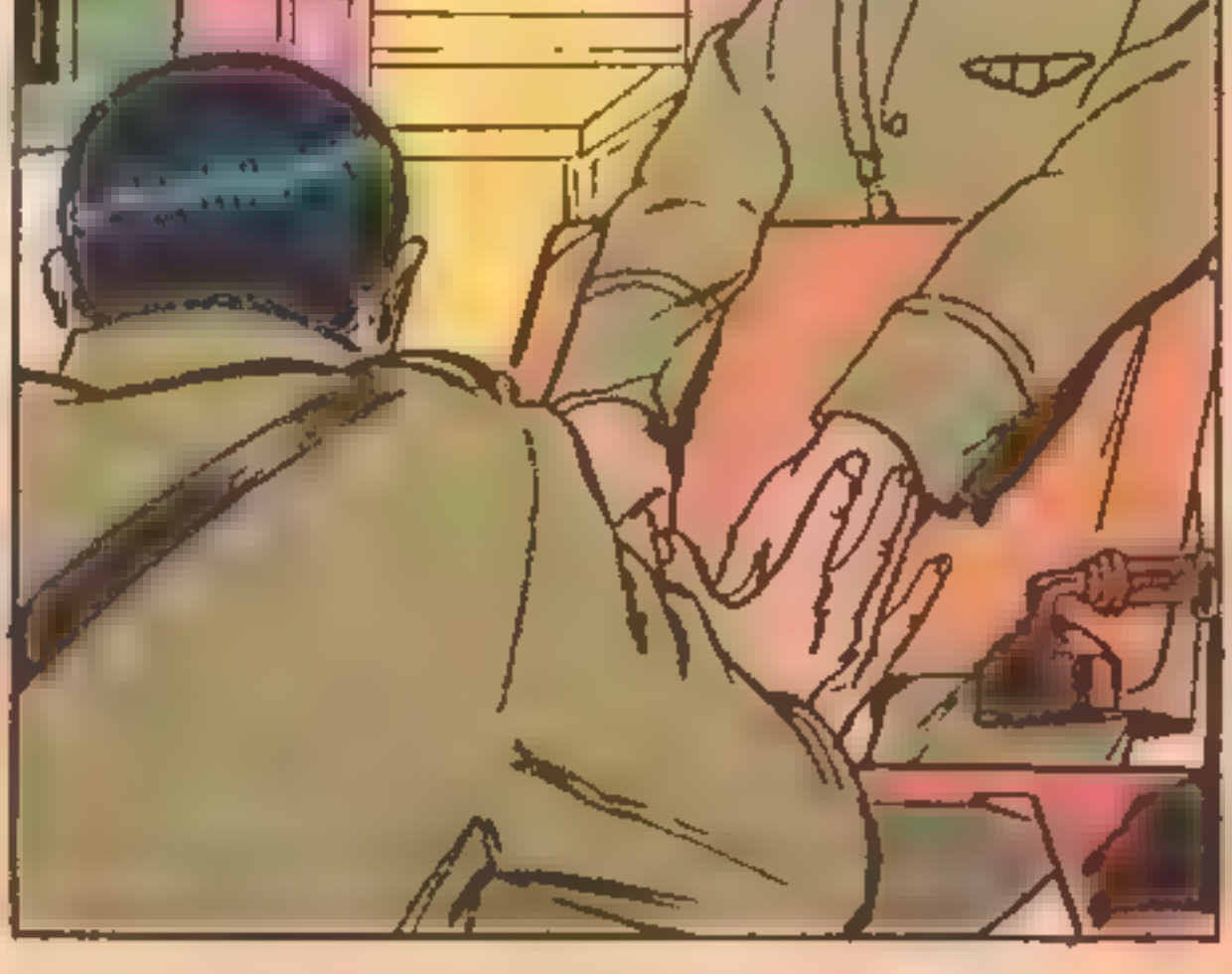
# FRANK LUKE, The ARIZONA BALLOON BUSTER!



FRESH FROM ARIZONA, YOU REPORTED TO MAJOR HAROLD HARTNEY, C.O. OF THE 27TH SQUADRON OF THE FIRST PURSUIT GROUP IN FRANCE, IN LATE AUGUST, 1918!


THE BOCHE WON'T LAST LONG NOW! I'M HERE!
HE'S GOING TO SAVE THE WORLD ALL BY HIMSELF!
BUT WHO'S GOING TO SAVE US FROM HIM?
MAJ H HARTNEY



THE NEXT DAY, AFTER AN INTENSIVE DRILL...

HOW'D THE ARIZONA BOASTER DO, MAJOR?

HE'S A SITTING DUCK! COULDN'T GET OUT OF THE WAY OF A BARN SWALLOW!

MAJOR HAR

YOU'VE GOT A LOT TO LEARN ABOUT EVASIVE FLYING, LUKE! BUT ONE THING I CAN HAND YOU... YOU'RE A CRACK SHOT!

WHICH THE GERMANS WILL SOON DISCOVER!

YOU WERE AN APT AND AVID PUPIL IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS, FRANK, LEARNING THE TRICKS OF COMBAT FLYING FROM THE OLD PROS OF THE 27TH! BEFORE LONG YOU WERE FLYING REGULAR MISSIONS!

AS YOU RETURNED TO YOUR BASE AFTER A FLIGHT WITH MAJOR HARTNEY...

WHOOOSH!

THAT FOKKER'S AFTER THE MAJOR!

AS MAJOR HARTNEY FLEW ON, YOU SWOOPED IN ON THE FOKKER!

RATATTAT!

AFTER A FURIOUS DOGFIGHT...

SCORE ONE FOR FRANK LUKE!

POW!

BUT NO ONE SAW YOUR KILL, AND YOUR STORY WENT UNBELIEVED!

HE NEVER HAD A CHANCE! I...

SURE YOU DID, BOASTER! AND I SHOT DOWN RICHTHOFEN LAST NIGHT IN MY SLEEP!

BUT LT. JOE WEHNER DID BELIEVE IN YOU AND BECAME YOUR FRIEND! LATE ONE AFTER-NOON, YOU SET OUT ON A BALLOON-STRAFING RAID!

I'LL GO AFTER THE SAUSAGES, JOE! YOU COVER ME FROM ABOVE!

YOU KNEW THAT OBSER-VATION BALLOONS WERE TOUGHER AND MORE DANGEROUS TO DOWN THAN FIGHTER PLANES! ALWAYS PRO-TECTED BY FOKKERS FROM THE AIR, THE ***DRACHENS*** WERE ALSO COVERED BY HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT AND RIFLE FILE FROM THE GROUND! YOU HAD TO COME AND GO AT TREE TOP HEIGHT THROUGH FURIOUS BARRAGES OF FIRE!

BOOM!

WHOOOSH!

BOOM!

WITHIN A WEEK YOU AND WEHNER HAD AMASSED AN UNPARALLELED RECORD!

LJKE AND WEHNER ARE REALLY HOT! THIS IS THEIR ELEVENTH BAL-LOON AND FIFTH PLANE IN SEVEN DAYS!

THE BOASTER HAS BECOME THE ARIZONA BALLOON BUSTER!

ON YOUR NEXT RAID THE GERMANS WERE WAITING, WITH *SIX* FOKKERS!

WHILE WEHNER FOUGHT OFF THE ATTACKING GERMANS, YOU RACKED UP TWO MORE BALLOONS!

THEN . . .

BRRRRRP!

CRACK!

THEY GOT JOE!

INFURIATED BY THE DEATH OF YOUR FRIEND, YOU TORE INTO THE ATTACKING FOKKERS, KNOCKING DOWN TWO AND FORCING THE REST TO FLEE!

RATATTATTATT! RATATTATTAT!

BACK AT YOUR BASE...

TWO BALLOONS AND THREE PLANES IN TEN MINUTES! BUSTER...

CAN IT, MAJ! JOE'S NOT COMING BACK!

BUT YOU KEPT ON FLYING AND SHOOTING DOWN SAUSAGES, TEAMED NOW WITH LT. IVAN ROBERTS! BUT ONE AFTERNOON YOU WERE OUTGUNNED BY FIVE FOKKERS! AGAIN YOU CAME HOME... ALONE!

I'VE HAD IT, MAJ! FROM NOW ON I GO BY MYSELF! IF THEY GET ME, AT LEAST I'LL BE THE ONLY ONE!

RECONSIDER, LUKE! FIGHT FROM FORMATION! YOU'LL LIVE LONGER!

BUT YOU DIDN'T RECONSIDER, FRANK! YOU WENT IT ALONE, OBEYING NO ORDERS BUT YOUR OWN! AS NIGHT FELL ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1918...

IT'S SAUSAGE BUSTER LUKE! HE DROPPED SOMETHING!

Look out for enemy balloon at D-2 and D-4 position. Luke —

THE MEN WATCHED! THEN...ONE...TWO...THREE BURSTS OF FLAME IGNITE HORIZON:

HE DID IT! JUST LIKE HE SAID HE WOULD!

BUT LURKING FOKKERS AGAIN POUNCED, THIS TIME FROM A DARK SKY!

MANEUVERING CRAZILY, YOU GUNNED DOWN ONE ADVERSARY...

ZOOM!

WHOOOSH!

BOOM!

THEN ANOTHER...

BUT...

RATATATAT!

I'M HIT! GOTTA LAND!

AS YOU CAME IN, GERMAN GROUND TROOPS MOVED UP TO CAPTURE YOU! YOU KILLED SIX, WOUNDING SIX MORE!

BRRRP!

CRACK!

BANG!

ALTHOUGH BADLY WOUNDED, YOU ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE, AUTOMATIC REVOLVER BLAZING!

CRACK

BUT YOUR LUKE LUCK HAD RUN OUT... EVEN IF YOUR COURAGE HAD NOT!

BANG!

THE GERMAN'S LEFT YOU WHERE YOU FELL! YOU WERE BURIED LATER BY FRIENDLY FRENCHMEN OF THE AREA!

BACK AT THE BASE, YOUR BUDDIES WAITED IN VAIN FOR THE RETURNING ROAR OF YOUR SPAD'S HISPANO-SUIZA ENGINE!

HE CAUGHT IT, MAJOR!

HE WAS A WILD LONER, BUT NO MAN EVER HAD MORE GUTS!

HE WAS BRASH AND BOLD AND DIDN'T GIVE A HOOT ABOUT ORDERS, BUT I LOVED THAT GUY! I'M PUTTING HIM IN FOR A MEDAL OF HONOR!

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AMBUSH!!

IN VALLEYVILLE, U.S.A , TOD HOLTON PREPARES TO PARTAKE OF AN AMPLE SUPPER !

WE THANK THEE FOR THIS FOOD...

WHILE IN A REMOTE MOUNTAIN VILLAGE IN DISTANT SOUTH VIETNAM...

THE RICE IS ALMOST ALL GONE, MY HUSBAND !

EAT ! SOON THERE WILL BE MORE !

SINCE YOU ARE CHIEF OF THIS VILLAGE, MY HUSBAND, I KNOW YOU WILL PROVIDE !

YOOOOOO!

SILENCE, OR YOU DIE !

OUR COMMANDER IS ANXIOUS FOR INFORMATION ! I'M SURE YOU MUST HAVE A GOOD SUPPLY !

RICE

LATER, IN THE MOUNTAIN HIDEOUT OF THE VIET CONG ..

AH, SO NICE OF YOU TO VISIT US ! PRAY BE SEATED ! ARE YOUR PEOPLE HUNGRY ENOUGH TO JOIN OUR RANKS ?

AND AS TOD HOLTON DOES HIS HOMEWORK...

THE BERET! IT'S GLOWING! THE BOOK CRACKING WILL HAVE TO WAIT!

AS TOD DONS THE BERET HE RECEIVES A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE FROM THE ANCIENT FAR-EASTERN MONK WHO GAVE HIM THE MAGIC HEADGEAR!

PREPARE TO TELETRANSPORT! YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

TOD SALUTES, AND THE MAGIC OF THE GREEN BERET...

...TRANSPORTS HIM HALF WAY ACROSS THE WORLD TO SOUTH VIET NAM...

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WHA'? HOW DID YOU GET PAST MY GUARDS?

ONLY MY HAIRDRESSER KNOWS!

THIS IS WHAT IS KNOWN AS A **FRINGE BENEFIT!**

C'MON! WE'VE GOT TO ESCAPE IN THE DARK BEFORE THE WHOLE CAMP IS AROUSED!

WE'VE GOT IT MADE! NOW LEAD ME TO YOUR VILLAGE!

*LATER, AS THEY ENTER THE VILLAGE...*

NAM CHOC! YOU HAVE ESCAPED THE CONG!

YES! ALL GRATITUDE TO THIS GREEN BERET OFFICER!

PLEASE, SIR, SOME FOOD! OUR RICE BOWLS HAVE BEEN EMPTY THESE THREE DAYS NOW!

SORRY, I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO STOP OFF AT THE SUPER MARKET! BUT YOU CAN HAVE THESE CHOCOLATE BARS!

MANY HUMBLE THANKS, SIR!

NOW, NAM CHOC, TAKE ME TO THE LOCAL SPECIAL FORCES HQ!

A SPECIAL FORCES OFFICER WHO APPEARS OUT OF NOWHERE! DO YOU SUPPOSE...?

THAT HE COULD BE THE ONE ABOUT WHOM WE'VE HEARD SO MUCH? THE SUPER GREEN BERET??

SOON...

CAPTAIN, THE CONG HAS THIS VILLAGE ISOLATED AND HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO STARVE US OUT FOR WEEKS! IF THEY SUCCEED A WHOLE SECTOR OF THESE HILLS WILL BE LOST TO THEM!

CHARLIE SEEMS TO KNOW JUST WHEN WE HAVE FOOD SHIPMENTS COMING IN! THEY'VE AMBUSHED EVERY ONE OF THEM! WE'VE GOT ANOTHER COMING TOMORROW! SO FAR IT'S TOP SECRET, BUT IF THEY GET THIS ONE, WE'VE HAD IT!

MANY PARDONS! I MUST GO TO QUELL THE WORRIES OF MY GOOD WIFE!

WHAT'S HIS HURRY?

LATER...

AH, HA! OUR FRIEND IS GETTING READY FOR A TRIP! WELL, I'LL TRIP HIM, BUT GOOD!

SO, NAM, YOU HAVE RICE WHILE YOUR PEOPLE STARVE!

BUT, I...

AND MADE IN NORTH VIETNAM, TOO! TWO AND TWO IS BEGINNING TO ADD UP TO BEING A TRAITOR!

RICE

RICE

MADE IN N. VIETNAM

YOUR PEOPLE WILL PROBABLY RUN YOU UP A FLAGPOLE, BUT NONE OF THEM WILL BE SALUTING!

CONK!

QUICKLY! WE MUST GET HIM TO THE VIET CONG BEFORE HE IS MISSED!

NAM CHOC AND HIS WIFE! AND THEY'VE GOT THE NEW GREEN BERET OFFICER!

SOON, DEEP IN THE SECRET HILLS...

SO, BEARD-GRABBER! YOU WILL LIVE TO REGRET YOUR IMPERTINENCE! BUT NOT FOR LONG!

COMMANDER! I HAVE JUST LEARNED OTHER NEWS!

THE YANKEES ARE SENDING A FOOD COLUMN TO MY VILLAGE! IT IS TO ARRIVE TOMORROW!

THEN IT MAY ALREADY BE ON THE WAY! WE HAVE NO TIME TO LOSE!

WE'LL AMBUSH THIS ONE JUST AS WE DID ALL THE OTHERS ! YOUR DEATH WILL BE THE CLIMAX OF OUR CELEBRATION LATER !

GUARD HIM WELL !

NAM'S WIFE REALLY CLOBBERED ME ! I'M GOING TO NEED A DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION TO CURE THIS HEADACHE !

AFTER LONG HOURS OF CRAMPED CAPTURE...

TALK ABOUT JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED...

THE GUARD DROWSES ! COME ! WE CAN ESCAPE THE WAY I CAME !

ONCE BEYOND THE VIET CONG CAMP...

YOU GET BACK TO THE VILLAGE ! I'VE GOT SOME FAST TRAVELING TO DO !

AND AS SUPER GREEN BERET SALUTES HIS MAGIC BERET...

GONE ! IN AN INSTANT ! HE **MUST** BE THE **SUPER GREEN BERET** !

...HE IS INSTANTLY TELETRANSPORTED TO THE ADVANCED SPECIAL FORCES DEPOT FROM WHICH THE FOOD CONVOY IS ABOUT TO SET OUT !

WHERE . . WHAT ??? DON'T WASTE TIME ! CHARLIE'S GOT AN AMBUSH WAITING FOR THIS CONVOY ! NOW HERE'S WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO

AS THE CONVOY LATER SNAKES ITS WAY TOWARD THE ISOLATED VILLAGE...

RIGHT ON SCHEDULE! JUST AS YOU REPORTED, NAM CHOO! WAIT UNTIL I GIVE THE WORD TO...

...FIRE!

AT THE DEADLY COMMAND, THE AMBUSH IS SPRUNG! A HAIL OF MORTOR SHELLS, INCENDIARY BULLETS AND RIFLE FIRE RAKES THE CONVOY!

BLAM! BOOM! BANG! BANG! RAT-TA-TAT!

BUT THE CONVOY SUDDENLY REVEALS ITSELF TO BE SOMETHING ALTOGETHER DIFFERENT! THE MINES DUG INTO THE ROADSIDE DITCHES BY THE VIET CONG ARE EXPLODED HARMLESSLY AS THE SIDES FALL OFF THE INNOCENT-APPEARING VEHICLES, AND THEY ARE REVEALED TO BE HEAVILY GUNNED ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS AND M-60 TANKS!

BOOM! BLAM! BOOM! BANG!

AND A BLAZING BARRAGE OF RETURN FIRE TAKES THE LURKING VC COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE!

WE'VE AMBUSHED THE AMBUSHERS!

DECOY DADDY TO WAITING IN THE WINGS ! AT 'EM !

AT THE RADIOED ORDER FROM SUPER GREEN BERET, F-101 FIGHTERS SWOOP IN, THEIR GUNS RAINING LEAD AT THE NOW PANICKING VC !

RAT-TAT-TAT!

RAT-TAT-TAT!

RAT-TAT-TAT!

WE'VE GOT 'EM ON THE RUN ! COUNTERATTACK !

WE'LL LOSE THEM IN THAT WOODS IF THEY EVER GET BEYOND THAT PASS ! I'D BETTER PULL A PAUL BUNYAN !

AS SUPER GREEN BERET SALUTES HIS MAGIC BERET, HE IS TELETRANSPORTED...

...TO THE WOODS AHEAD OF THE FLEEING VIET CONG WHERE HE SETS TO FELLING TREES WITH MIGHTY KARATE STROKES OF HIS POWERFUL HANDS!

TIMBER!

POW!

THAT LOG JAM WILL STOP THEM!

WOW!!

OUTGUNNED AND OUTFOUGHT, THE TRAPPED CONG TERRORISTS ARE FOR[illegible] TO A FINAL SURRENDER!

YOU'LL FEEL BETTER AFTER THEY GIVE YOU A SHAVE IN THE PRISON CAMP!

OUR CASUALTIES WERE VERY LIGHT, SIR!

SORRY TO LOSE ANY, BUT THE 'COPTER BOYS'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM! NOW WE CAN CALL IN THE REAL CONVOY!

DECOY DADDY TO FOOD FOR FREEDOM! C'MON AHEAD! ALL'S CLEAR!

SHORTLY, THE FIRST FOOD CONVOY TO GET THROUGH IN MONTHS IS GREETED BY A STARVED BUT GRATEFUL POPULACE!

I DON'T HEAR ONE OF THEM SAYING "YANKEE GO HOME!"

YOU MUST BE THE FAMED SUPER GREEN BERET! ONLY HE COULD HAVE DONE THIS!

MAY YOUR RICE BOWL ALWAYS BE FULL! AND FOR SAVING ME, I SALUTE YOU!

THE MAGIC SALUTE, AND THE SUPER GREEN BERET IS TELETRANSPORTED AWAY!

WHERE'S THAT CAPTAIN!? WHO IS HE ANYWAY?

HE'S THE SUPER GREEN BERET!

SUPER GREEN BERET? THAT'S JUST A LEGEND!

OR IS IT?

SO SPREADS THE FAME OF THE MIGHTY SUPER GREEN BERET AS HE BATTLES ON THE SIDE OF THE OPPRESSED AND DOWNTRODDEN ALL OVER THE WORLD!

AND BACK IN VALLEYVILLE, U.S.A. ... ...

TOD, ARE YOU AT THE ICE BOX AGAIN?

YES, MOM. DOING HOMEWORK REQUIRES A LOT OF ENERGY!

NOT TO MENTION FIGHTING THE VIET CONG!

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